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TAGS: CDES, (MACRI, FRANCIS NEIL)
SUBJ: DEATH CASE: FRANCIS NEIL MACRI

REF: STATE 030952

1. FACTUAL DETAILS REPORTED IN GUADALAJARA 169, 171 AND 215.

FOLLOWING ARE COMMENTS AND SPECULATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH
NUMBERED PARAGRAPHS STATE 2367 AND MUST BE TREATED AS SUCH.

2. ITEM ONE. NEITHER COMPANION NOR BOAT HAVE BEEN LOCATED.

3. ITEM TWO. VESSEL THAT BROUGHT INJURED SUBJECT AND COMPANION
JAMES LLOYD BRANDENBURG TO SHORE SAID TO BE LIBERIAN-REGISTERED,
KOREAN-MANNED VESSEL PACDUKE. LOCAL AUTHORITIES REFERRED TO
VESSEL AS BEING GREEK-OWNED. WHETHER ANY RADIO DISTRESS CALL
WAS MADE CANNOT BE DETERMINED LOCALLY. IT IS SPECULATION BEST
SATISFIED BY EXAMINATION OF PACDUKE RADIO LOG.

4. LOCAL AUTHORITIES REFFERED TO VESSEL AS BEING GREEK-OWNED.
WHETHER ANY RADIO DISTRESS CALL WAS MADE CANNOT BE DETERMINED
LOCALLY. IT IS SPECULATION BEST SATISFIED BY EXAMINATION OF
PACDUKE RADIO LOG. LOCAL AUTHORITIES VERIFIED IDENTITY OF
COMPANION FROM CALIFORNIA DRIVERS LICENSE BEARING HIS PHOTO.
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5. ITEM THREE. AUTOPSY REPORT IN ORIGINAL LANGUAGE STATES QUOTE
HERIDA POR PROYECTIL DE ARMA DE FUEGO DE 6 MM. DE DIAMETRO DE
FORMA CIRCULAR SITUADA EN LA REGION PARIETO-OCCIPITAL DERECHO, QUE
INTERESO TODOS LOS PLANOS BLANDOS, FRACTURANDO EL PARIETAL Y EL
OCCIPITAL PENETRANDO EN LA CAVIDAD CRANEANA EN DONDE LESIONO EL
TEJIDO CEREBRAL Y EL GLOBO OCULAR IZQUIERDO, CON ORIFICIO DE

SALADA DE 1 CM. DE EXTENCION DE FORMA IRREGULAR SITUADA EN EL
PARPADO SUPERIOR IZQUIERDO ... UNQUOTE. TO BEST OF OUR
KNOWLEDGE LOCAL AUTHORITIES ARE NOT INVESTIGATING. CREWMEN
ABOARD JANET LEE II ACCORDING TO DECLARATION MADE BY SPOUSE
TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES WERE KEN CARANHAN AND JIM BRANDENBERG AND
ONE OTHER CREWMAN WHOSE NAME SHE DOESN'T REMEMBER.

6. ITEM FOUR. CLOSE TO VERSION SPOUSE RELATED. ACCORDING
HER VERSION THE BOAT, AN ABALONE FISHING BOAT, WAS ANCHORED
OFFSHORE NEAR A SMALL VILLAGE WHERE SOME CITIZENS WERE HAVING
A PARTY, THAT THE VILLAGERS, INDULGING IN HORSE-PLAY FIRED
SOME SHOTS IN THE GENERAL DIRECTION OF THE JANET LEE II AND ONE
OF THE SHOTS HIT MACRI. LATTER PORTION ITEM FOUR DIFFERS FROM
KNOWN FACTS. SHIP HAD RADIOED THAT IT HAD INJURED MAN ABOARD AND
REQUESTED MANZANILLO PROVIDE MEDIAL ASSISTANCE ON ARRIVAL AND
APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS. HOWEVER RECORD SHOWS THAT MACRI WAS DEAD
ON ARRIVAL PORT AND QUESTION MEDICAL ASSISTANCE BECAME MOOT AND
BODY RELEASED TO UNDERTAKER. WHETHER MACRI WAS ROBBED IS OPEN
TO QUESTION SINCE ONLY ONE IN POSITION TO SAY SO IS THE CREWMAN
WHO ACCOMPANIED HIM TO SHORE. MOREOVER IT IS QUESTIONABLE THAT
SAID ESCORT WAS ROBBED INASMUCH AS HE REPORTEDLY FREELY TENDERED
EITHER ONE HUNDRED OR TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS TO MORTICIAN TOWARD
FUNERAL COSTS. TO BEST OF FOUR BELIEF YOUR MR. X IS ABOARD
FISHING VESSEL AND THE BRANDENBERG IS THE ONE WHO ACCOMPANIED
BODY TO PORT, CHOSE COFFIN, TENDERED THE DOLLARS AND WHO DEPARTED
TO TEXAS, MODE OF TRANSPORTATION UNKNOWN.

7. TWO OTHER VERSIONS INCIDENT APPARENTLY RELATED BY BRANDENBERG
ARE THAT ALL CREW MEMBERS ASLEEP IN THEIR CABINS WHEN HEARD
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NOISE ON DECK WHICH WHEN INVESTIGATED REVEALED MACRI LYING
ON DECK WOUNDED. ANOTHER VERSION WAS THAT CREW WAS IN ENGINE
ROOM WHEN MEXICAN NATIONAL BOARDED VESSEL, CAME TO ENGINE ROOM
AND SHOT MACRI.

8. AMCONSUL GUADALAJARA URGES ALL APPROPRIATE DISCRETION IN USE
OF ABOVE RELATED MELANGE OF FACT, COMMENT AND SPECULATION.
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